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## PLYMOUTH WILL GET BIG MIEHLE PRINTING PRESS FACTORY

Commercial Club Again Successful On Important Deal to Get New Industry For Our City.

### \$18,000 RAISED IN ONE DAY AND NIGHT FOR PROJECT

Rousing Mass Meeting at the City Hall Shows That People of Plymouth Are Determined to Boost Their Town Along—

Basis of Bonus is Made Up From Lot Sale.

Without Which Amount Could Not Have Been Raised.

Plymouth will get a good big factory at once. This fact was nailed down at a very enthusiastic mass meeting of citizens at the city hall last night.

In just one day and night over \$18,000 was raised for the project, which will in two years give Plymouth a high class factory employing at least 200 men at good wages. The plant is to be that of a new company for the manufacturers of fine printing presses. Mr. Robert Miehle and son are the owners, and will invest in the enterprise about \$200,000.

Mr. Miehle is the inventor, and up to a year ago was one of the company making, the celebrated Miehle printing press. Every printer and newspaper man in the world knows about the Miehle printing press. It is considered the best ever made and is installed in at least three fourths of the job printing establishments of the United States.

About a year ago Mr. Miehle sold out his interest in the Miehle Printing Press Manufacturing Co. and has organized within his own family a new concern called the Robert Miehle Printing Press Manufacturing Co. He has a number of new patents which greatly improve upon the press the old company are making. These he will make the basis of his new product.

#### How Bonus Was Raised.

At the outset the raising of a bonus of nearly \$18,000 seemed a very big task—and it was. Without the Commercial club as a pushing power it would have been impossible. The sale of lots last fall was the basis of the success attending efforts Thursday and Thursday night. By means of the money received for lots and the contracts made for others the club was able to get about \$10,000.

Another plan was for the club to give \$100 notes and have these endorsed by good men. The remainder of the amount was and is being raised by cash subscriptions. The various amounts as they stood today were as follows:

From Lot Sales and Contracts	\$10,000
From Club Notes Endorsed	6,900
13 \$100 Cash subscriptions	1,300
9 \$50 cash subscriptions	450
10 \$25 cash subscriptions	250
23 \$10 cash subscriptions	230
15 \$5 cash subscriptions	75
Twenty "Jackpot" subscriptions of \$1.00	20

Total amount \$19,225

Quite a number of those who purchased lots last fall have either paid for their lots in full or agreed to do so in sixty days. This will bring in quite a sum, and the remaining contracts will be used to secure loans on from the banks. All three banks were in consultation with the committee Thursday, and are ready to do everything in their power to help the project along. Below is given the list of donors received Thursday and Friday. The names of the eighty-seven lot buyers should in fairness be given too, because without their backing this splendid project could not have been swung for the city. The immediate donors are:

#### Why He Chose Plymouth.

The new factory is one that any city would only have a chance to get once in a generation. Or, in fact, there is only one Miehle Printing Press factory now in the country, and this is to be equal to or greater in time than the old concern. Mr. Robert Miehle has chosen Plymouth as the ideal spot where he will build up a great press manufacturing plant, celebrated throughout the world.

He chose Plymouth because we had a building that could be put in readiness for this work on short

notice; because of the splendid treatment he received from the Commercial Club committee; because he fell in love with the city as soon as he saw it; because Plymouth is located on the great trunk line railway leading to the east and west; because we were close to Chicago. These were the impelling reasons—certainly enough for any factory, and our people are proud all are the facts.

#### The Factory.

The new factory will be one for the making of fine printing presses. As soon as the old McCallum wagon works building is repaired for use, Mr. Miehle will move his machinery to Plymouth and begin the manufacture of presses. He does not expect to make more than about 25 machines the first year, and he will have at first only about 20 skilled workers in the shop. The business is of such a nature that it is necessary to train the skilled men to their particular work, said Mr. Miehle, and it will take some time to get them educated for the work. The company will ship to Plymouth about \$20,000 worth of fine machinery as soon as the building is ready for it. And it will not be long before another \$20,000 will be needed. The new buildings must first be erected, however.

The great need of floor space is the thing in this factory. The old Miehle plant occupies eight acres. The Plymouth plant will continue to spread until it may occupy as large an area. The Commercial Club will agree to deed to the Miehle company the six acres and buildings when the company has paid out in wages the sum of about \$180,000.

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#### BIRTHS.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kelly of Fort Wayne, are the parents of a baby girl, born March 26. The young lady has been given the name of Virginia Elizabeth. The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly in Plymouth send congratulations, hoping they will soon bring the little girl to their old home, and show her off for their benefit.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gottschalk on Wednesday evening, March 27.

#### Miss Estella Chase in Rochester.

Sunday, March 31, was the day set for Miss Chase to visit Rochester in the interest of Teacher Training work. A class of four were ready for graduation in this study, these being the first students to complete the course in all of Fulton county. The meeting was at the Evangelical church, and a few in Rochester and Fulton county are beginning to see the advantages to be derived from this course of study.

Miss Chase was there to tell them of the work done in Marshall county and to explain the details to them. Miss Chase has been responsible for much of the success that has been attained in this county, and the splendid results are a source of pride for the whole Christian community.

When asked how the meeting was, as to her part in the performance, she said that the one who had to listen was the one to be pitied, but Plymouth and Marshall county people know that Miss Chase did her part well. She ventured the information that one remarkable thing about the four graduates who were given diplomas, was the fact that in all the examinations on all subjects, not of them, on any subject, fell below 90 and one-fifth percent. So that if the quantity was not so large, they of the first graduates of Fulton county, may make claim to very good quality.

#### DEATHS.

**Daniel Leeper.**  
Bremen, March 30.—The funeral of Daniel Leeper was held this forenoon at 10 o'clock, and the remains buried in the Bremen cemetery. Mr. Leeper died at his home about two and a half miles east of here on Thursday afternoon. The cause of his decease was mostly old age, he being about 75 years old. He was a farmer and had lived in this vicinity for a long time.

#### Peter D. Lowe.

Argos, March 30.—Peter D. Lowe died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Carrie Holmes, in this place Friday afternoon at 1:30. Mr. Lowe was a retired merchant of Argos and had lived here for many years. He was born in New Jersey, Dec. 29, 1832, and at the time of his death was 79 years and three months old. His daughter was his only child and he had made his home with her, his wife having been dead for many years.

The funeral will be held at the home Sunday afternoon at four o'clock, Dr. Samuel Gould officiating. The remains will be taken to Sullivan, Ind., on Monday and there interred.

#### George Weimer.

Geo. Weimer died at his home in South Bend Tuesday at six a. m. after an illness of only a few days with grippe. He was 63 years old and well known in Plymouth where he formerly lived. Mr. Weimer had been employed at the Singer plant.

His wife has erysipelas very badly, and one daughter is quarantined with scarlet fever. The husband and father died at the next door residence. A wife and three children are left in the family. The children are Maude Harris, Chas. Weimer of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Vernon of Chicago.

The funeral will be held at South Bend at ten o'clock a. m. Thursday.

#### George W. Worthington.

Argos, March 30.—George W. Worthington died at the home of his wife's sister, Mrs. Cynthia Pickeler, on Thursday. He was a painter by trade and it was a painter's poison that caused his fatal sickness. Mr. Worthington was born in Laporte county Dec. 15, 1845, and was at his death 66 years, six months and 13 days old. Besides his wife he leaves two sisters, Mrs. Geo. Parks and Mrs. S. H. Hoffman, both of Argos, and two brothers, Frank of Argos and Jefferson of Akron, Ind.

The funeral services will be held from the Pickeler home at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, Sunday, the Rev. Kevan, pastor of the Argos Methodist church officiating. Interment at Maple Grove.

#### Contracts for Bridges.

At the meeting of the County Commissioners Tuesday, the following bridge contracts were let:

Out let Bridge:—  
Harry Harris ..... \$798.75  
Bair ..... 695.00

VanSkyhawk & Knoblock 875.00  
Camer & Yazel ..... 1036.00  
Contract given to Bair for \$695

Monroe Abutments:—  
Harry Harris ..... 352.00  
J. M. Hermann ..... 364.00  
Bair ..... 300.00

VanSkyhawk & Knoblock 390.00  
Camer & Yazel ..... 390.00  
Contract given to Bair for \$300.

Miffler Arch:—  
Harry Harris ..... 398.00  
J. M. Hermann ..... 388.00  
Bair ..... 359.00

VanSkyhawk & Knoblock 360.00  
Camer & Yazel ..... 334.70  
Contract given to Camer & Yazel for \$334.70.

Chas. Baum Bridge:—  
Bair ..... 274.00  
VanSkyhawk & Knoblock 261.50

Camer & Yazel ..... 312.00  
Frank Bolinger ..... 139.00  
Contract given to Frank Bolinger for \$139.00.

Maple Swamp Bridge:—  
Harry Harris ..... 394.00  
J. M. Hermann ..... 344.00  
Bair ..... 285.00

VanSkyhawk & Knoblock 340.00  
Camer & Yazel ..... 330.00  
Contract given to Bair for \$285.

Huffer Bridge:—  
Bair ..... 375.00  
VanSkyhawk & Knoblock 375.00

Camer & Yazel ..... 521.75  
Sufficient appropriation not having been made contract was not let on this job.

Mrs. Lawrence Faylor has gone to South Bend, where she will visit for a few days with relatives.

#### A FLYING VISIT.



—Coffman in New York Evening Journal.

## RELIEF CORPS GIVES BANQUET TO THE G. A. R.

VETERANS GIVE EXPERIENCES OF ARMY LIFE, HARDSHIPS MINGLED WITH PLEAS-URABLE INSTANCES.

### LINCOLN'S GETTYSBURG TALK

Ladies Serve Refreshments, Songs Are Sung, and Recitations Given Extolling the Country's Defenders.

It is the usual custom of the ladies of the Relief Corps, at the time of the annual installation of officers, to give a banquet to the members of the G. A. R. and a few invited friends. Owing to the cold weather at the time, and absence from the city of a number of those interested, this was delayed until Monday evening.

The hall occupied by the veterans and these ladies is over the Jacob novelty store, and there were gathered a jolly company of near eighty people. After the refreshments were served, and all cleared away, the President, Mrs. J. D. Fields, rapped for order, and after a song, "Tenting On The Old Camp Ground," it was announced that the evening would be given over to hearing some of the old soldiers' present tell experiences of army life. It was to be a "Camp Fire" such as the veterans enjoy more than all else.

The President first called on Comrade George Baxter, and gave him the cue that he was to give Lincoln's Gettysburg speech. Mr. Baxter first gave an outline sketch of the greatest battle of the war, and perhaps of the world, told the number of men engaged on each side, and the commanders, and the number of killed. While not in the battle, Mr. Baxter has been over the battle field, and is familiar with the details, having studied it thoroughly. He told of the purchase and dedication of a portion for a National cemetery for the soldier dead, and how Mr. Lincoln stepped to the front of the platform and delivered his short but prophetic speech, a speech that has lived and will live as long as the nation shall stand. In his relation of the events of that day, Mr. Baxter came to the moment when the martyred President was called for and advancing a step to the front, began delivering the words that Mr. Lincoln spoke. With a memory that halted not, and a

voice clear as a bell, he went through the immortal speech, and then sat down. When we take into account that Mr. Baxter has never been a public speaker, but a hard working man all his life, that he is now eighty years of age, it was really a wonderful performance, and shows a mind well preserved indeed.

Other speakers followed, Comrades Wilson, Burkett, Force, Knoblock, Fields, Hess and Yager, each in turn as called on. Mrs. Randall gave a reading "What does the Little Bronze Button Mean?" Mrs. Fields read a poem that declared the societies and lodges of the whole world held no men who could "Hold a Candle to the Old Grand Army Boys." Mrs. Irene Miles read a comic selection, and the singing of "America" finished the program of the evening. A vote of thanks was given the ladies by the men present, and the meeting broke up with wishes that all may live to enjoy another one next year.

#### OBITUARY.

Alpha Elmira Long was born at Brownstown, Wis., April 8, 1903, died at the home of her foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gleason, on east Sophia street, Plymouth, Ind., March 21, 1912, at the age of 8 years, 11 months and 13 days.

Alpha was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Long; at the age of four years the mother died, Alpha remained in the family circle for one year then she entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gleason. She being a bright, affectionate and home-loving child the love between them was as great as if they were of the same blood.

A year ago the family came to Plymouth and Alpha at once entered the public school and won the love and esteem of teachers and schoolmates. On Feb. 24 she was taken suddenly sick with pneumonia the best of medical aid was at once obtained everything that willing and loving hearts could do was done but of no avail. Her father arrived from Antigo, Wis., a few hours before she died and she quietly passed away in his arms at 10:15 a. m. March 21.

She leaves to mourn their loss her devoted foster parents, father, three brothers, two sisters and a host of friends who will sadly miss her.

Short funeral services were held at the home at 8 o'clock Saturday, Rev. S. H. Yager officiating. The remains were taken to Brownstown, Wis., accompanied by father and foster mother.

Funeral service was held at the M. E. church, Brownstown, Sunday at 1:30 p. m., conducted by Rev. Moat and largely attended by sympathizing relatives and friends. The remains were then laid to rest by those of mother and sister in Cadiz cemetery.

Orville Leslie has disposed of his barber shop under the Savings Bank, and will go to Michigan for a stay. Miss Ferrel Shaffer who has been sick at the home of her parents on south Michigan street for over a month, is improving slowly.

## TWO SETS DELEGATES CHOSEN IN THIRTEENTH

Taft Men Real Victors By Skill in Parliamentary Law Under Arbitrary Ruling of Chairman.—Pandemonium Reigns in Convention for Two Hours.

In a convention marked by the most exciting and tumultuous proceedings, the Taft men of the Thirteenth district technically chose their delegates to the national republican convention at Chicago in the meeting at Warsaw Tuesday. The Roosevelt supporters also chose delegates, and while they were chosen in a more business-like and orderly manner, they probably have not the warrant of parliamentary law to uphold the selection.

#### Taft Delegates.

Clement Studebaker, Jr., South Bend.  
Maurice Fox, La Porte.

#### Alternates.

Lyman M. Brackett, Rochester.  
Jacob McLaughlin, Kosciusko County.

#### Roosevelt Delegates.

Fred W. Keller, South Bend.  
P. R. Judkins, Elkhart.

#### Alternates.

E. B. Smith, Warsaw.  
Dr. S. C. Loring, Plymouth.

Although the call did not provide for electors, they were named. The Taft men chose A. J. Rumely of La Porte as elector and Dr. F. M. Burkett of Plymouth as contingent elector. The Roosevelt men named Harry E. Johnson of Starke county and E. J. Dowd of Fulton county as contingent electors.

#### First Part Smooth Enough.

The first part of the convention was smooth enough. District chairman Fred Woodward acted with the utmost fairness and has the thanks of the district for the splendid manner in which he conducted the business up to the time he left the chair.

The first real contest, and in fact the only one of the entire convention, was on the election of chairman. Mr. A. G. Graham of South Bend was elected by half a vote over Aaron Jones of South Bend. The counties on this ballot stood as follows:

	Graham	Jones
Elkhart	3	25
Fulton	4 1/2	5 1/2
Kosciusko	3	16
Laporte	24	14
Marshall	2 3/4	10 1/4
Starke	5	2
St. Joseph	29	12

Totals ..... 71 3/4 70 3/4

Mr. Graham was the Taft candidate and Mr. Jones was for Roosevelt. Up to the time of Mr. Graham's election the convention was in the usual good order of such conventions, with some few exceptions. Mr. Graham soon brought trouble. According to the rules each county was to appoint one member each on the Rules, Credentials and Resolutions Committees. The call of the counties began for the naming of these members. When Fulton was called there were two sets of members to report. The Roosevelt men, in the majority with one set, and the Taft men, in the minority, with another set. The control of the credentials committee depended on this member, for each side had three from the other counties. Mr. Graham recognized the Taft members and refused to recognize the Roosevelt members. Fulton county demanded a roll call of the county to see which set of members should be accepted. The chairman refused to allow a roll call. His decision was appealed from and he refused to recognize or put the appeal.

From this time on pandemonium reigned, practically to the end of the convention. Chairman Graham and the Taft men held their heads. Evidently the Roosevelt men lost theirs, in their yelling to prevent the chairman from proceeding with the business until he had recognized their demand for a roll call of Fulton county.

Mr. Graham asked for the report from Kosciusko county.  
Walter Brubaker, chairman of

Kosciusko, was at once on his feet. "Kosciusko will not report until Fulton county is polled," he shouted.

Pandemonium was already well under way, and this only troubled the waters the more.

"Marshall county," shouted the chairman.

"Marshall county refuses to report until Fulton county's demand for a poll is recognized," came from Dr. S. C. Loring, chairman, loud as he could make it.

Uproar was resumed at a still higher pitch.

"Starke county," roared the chairman, and there was a mad rush of delegates to the front of the opera house that made it lucky for Chairman Graham that he had previously divined his danger and treated to the stage, where they could not reach him.

Here, he called the other counties amid an uproar and noise that made answer impossible and the written reports were finally handed to Secretary Pentacost in writing. They were:

#### Elkhart County.

Credentials—Wilson, Roose, Elkhart.

Rules—B. G. Shaffer, Goshen.

Resolutions—L. D. Hall.

#### St. Joseph County.

Credentials—F. H. Wurzer, South Bend.

Rules—Eli Seibert.

Resolutions—J. J. Hayes.

#### Laporte County.

Credentials—H. B. Tuthill, Michigan City.

Rules—A. J. Hickey, Laporte.

Resolutions—H. A. Cable, Laporte.

#### Starke County.

Credentials—E. Larimore, Knox.

Rules—L. N. Ransbottom.

Resolutions—A. J. Laramore.

#### Fulton County.

The ticket announced and recognized from Fulton county was:

Credentials—J. H. Bibler.

Rules—Del Whitcomb.

Resolutions—Ed. J. Dowd.

The slate which the Roosevelt men, majority from Fulton county, wanted, was:

Credentials—Ed. J. Dowd.

Rules—F. S. Collins.

Resolutions—M. F. Mowe.

At every attempt to do business a howling crowd gathered around the chairman and yells came from all parts of the hall, and from the gallery. No one could be heard three feet from him, and the transaction of business was an impossibility, for no one could have the least idea what the will of the convention was on any matter. It began to look as though Chairman Graham had decided to sit there till the convention became quiet enough for the transaction of business if it took till the next day at three o'clock.

However, such was not the intention of the Taft men. Chairman Graham and F. H. Wurzer developed a little plan of their own to overcome these obstacles. Perhaps the Taft men were "on" but very few others were until the work was done.

The plan was to do business over the noise by a system of sign language or "wireless telegraphy." Mr. Wurzer of the South Bend delegation mounted a chair and putting his hands to his mouth yelled something nobody could hear. But at the same time he yelled Wurzer held up one finger. That meant he was moving that the report of the committee on credentials be adopted. Mr. Graham understood, put the motion and yelled something nobody could hear except those right under his nose. At the same time he waved his arm, which meant that "The ayes have it" the motion is carried.

Again Mr. Wurzer mounted his chair. This time he yelled and held up two fingers, which meant that

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